SQUAT IT

NO. 18 MAY/JUNE 1989.

community action...
DIRECT ACTION

Wha's Bin Appennin'

24th of february
Someone donates their house to squatters for a month - while the owners away, the squatters can stay

first of the third
The answering machine continues to break down, we fear for its very existance. We're thinking of sueing "Dr" Dick Smith for malpractise.

Yet another illegal eviction by the pigs - it must be great to be above the law

* 3/3 - And Gill wins the booby prize for noticing the boo boo in Squat It #17 - did you guess it? HINT: poor bomb time

8/3 Squatter evicted while out shopping just when you think they stooped to their lowest

10/3 Womyn buys house and offers it to the squatters until she moves in

14/3 Collingwood Recreation Centre squatted - regular games of basketball SU wipes floor with all opposition.

5/4 Council Health Inspector snoops around Recreation Centre squat - tells squatters it is to be boarded up in a week as they have no futher use for it That's what they think!!

11/4 Squatters evicted by state thugs in a cowardly nite time raid.

12/4 A victory over the piggos when a charge of 'unlawfully on premises' is thrown out of court as irrelevant and obselete.

Squat in St kilda comes under threat as developers show signs of interest

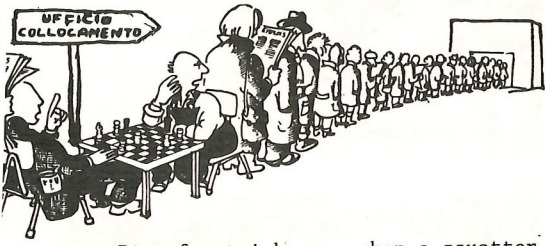
Baymor Courts threatened with eviction to make way for yukkiefication but gets a reprieve due to large resistance turn out and occupation of the real estate agents - biggot & scum - office.

Leafleting of Collingwood gets under way to gain community support for resistance to the threatened eviction

Public meeting called to organise resistance to evictions of squatters in Dallas/Broady

25/4 - Fame and fortune again...SU invited to do a talkback show on RRR - good response from callers.
28/4 - Squatter in Frankston makes use of a house empty for 7 years.

1/5 - MAYDAY WORKERS HOLIDAY
Demo outside NSW Govt Tourist Bureau against the shootings of David Gundy and the continuance of cop killings - good turnout



Bit of a tricky one when a squatter beats a list sitter to a house by a day or two - but then DA has always got the goods

Pine street squatter tells MOH that they are squatting their house. WHY? WHY? WHY?

Brick-throwing, Belgium, 1961.

3/5 News of a three year squat in carlton, it's a shit we only hear when they are getting evicted.

8/5 More ludicriously " honest " squatters dob themselves in to the M.O.H. - guess what ? they got evicted.

1/5 CES rings-wanting to know what we do, maybe they have some openings for squatters.

12/5 3 MT's in Fitzroy e ready and waiting for you....

17/5 Family whose house burnt down squat an empty in Springvale

19/5 - Another squatter joins the ranks in Dallas
And another in St Kilda.

24/5 -03 more empties reported by a weedwatcher this time in Brunswik

25th of May
SU BENEFIT GIG. Glam nite at the Albion Charles Heaps pf people grooving tothe funky beat - raises enuf money to print this here mag
Keep your eyes open for the next one

The day after - A hung over shift at the SU.
Squat opens in Footscray
Sydney Morning Herald calls wanting pearls of wisdom from the SU - don't know why they waste the phone call they always print what they like...

31/5 - More empties in Coburg
Another squat opens in St Kilda- probably one of Bondy's investments.

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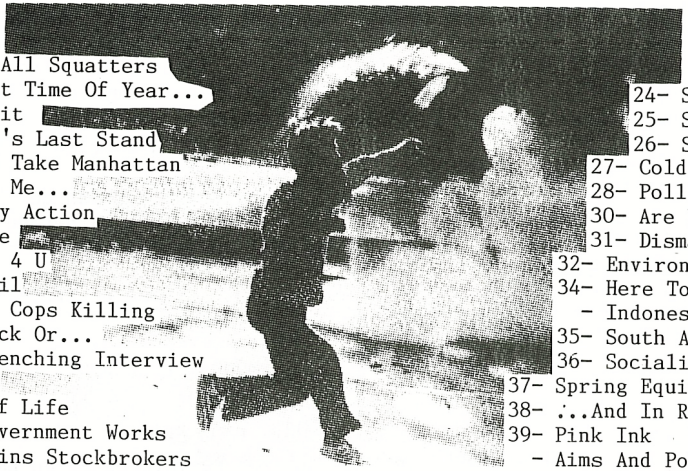

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EDITORIAL POLICY

***ALL contributions are welcome, however the SU asks that the interests of the Squatters Union be considered

***To assist in the fast production of this magazine we request that you type, or prepare your contribution in 8cm columns. Due to limited time and energy, priority will be given to typed/prepared submissions.

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*** If the article/contribution is deemed unsuitable, the collective, whereppossible will refer back to the author before publication. Otherwise it will be considered for the next issue.

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OK.....so you think that homelessness is an urgent issue, that squatting is a viable alternative and that the Squatters Union will be here forever to give out information, MT houses and support to squatters.

WELL.....the fact is that the S.U is not a welfare organization and cannot keep going at the same pace without input from YOU. Atthe moment the S.U is only open three days a week due to the fact that there are only four members doing shifts.This is a bore not to mention a hassle for those people desperatly needing somewhere to squat.

Doing a shift is not the only way you can contribute to the S.U. You can also check out M.T houses in our file to see if they're still MT, you can ring in any MT houses you spot around town, you can come to S.U mettings and contribute your bit to the decision making and lastly you can contribute articles to Squat it and/or help with the production of it.

THe S.U can not continue with the same small group of people forever so if you want to still have a squatters union... ...GET INVOLVED.....come to a meeting at 4.30pm every wednesday or give us a ring on 481 8097.It's your union and it needs your energy to survive.....

It's that time of the year again *****

Are you a good cook,cleaner, decorator,oraniser or rager?

Then you may be interested in starting up some sort of community cafe.A setting for the event does not yet exist, although we do have a few good ideas!
Some ideas for the cafe so far are:
* to have it once a month
*to create a venue for music and perfomance thats not of the mainstream variety
*to have heaps of really yummy food (one of us is a very enthusiastic cook!)
* to form a creative space where people can network, plot revolution and have a good time in the process! (not to mention eat yummy food...)
* to work collectivly
* to have a good time.....

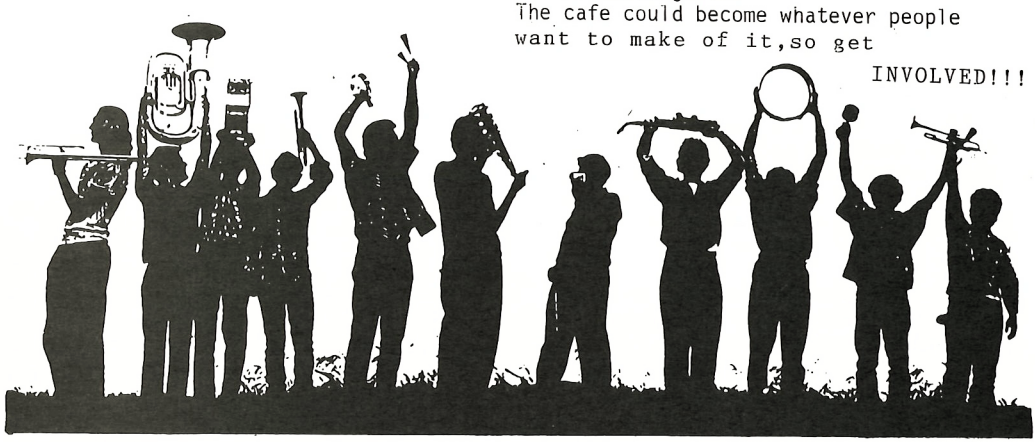
If you think you can get into to this, come to a gathering at:

The Firestation
301 st. Georges rd.
NTH Fitzroy

MONDAY 26th JUNE
7pm

OR...ring Kate on...4806158

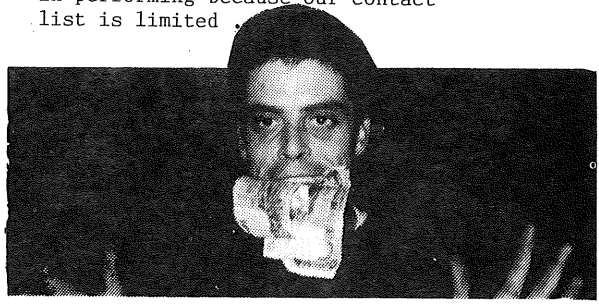
If you're interested in perfofming at the cafe, give us a ring or come to the meeting.....
The cafe could become whatever people want to make of it,so get INVOLVED!!!



THE SQUATTERS UNION BENEFIT GIG

Money bloody money. A problem for every organization we are sympathetic to and for every person I know. Squat It , our monthly magazine , used to be printed for free (as long as we provided the paper) at Shelter Victoria . They had a very good photo-copier . Now their funding has been completely cut and they have all lost their jobs . Thanks to the goverment we now have trouble printing pro-poganda against them . Anyway each issue of Squat It costs about $300.00 to print and we figured a benefit would cover that . Well..... it just did . The Motor Jockeys , Flaming Abandon , Pio the Poet , and Itch to Scratch played for us on the 25th of May (Emma Goldman's birthday) Everyone had a wild time. Insyte were in the audience and they hopped on stage and did a squatting song... very appropriate .
The publican of the Albion Charles was surprisingly easy to work with (compared with others) and no-one wasscummy enough to steal our takings, this time. As usual the first band copped the raw end of the deal because no-one comes on time , in this day and age. What with the time it takes take-up...green , yellow , red .... to sit on the face plus the time it takes to down the BYO alcohol which they couldn't bring into the pub.
There was a considerable audience discoing their inhibitions away to Flaming Abandon and a real live rap dancer with a tracksuit and sneakers rapping to Itch to Scratch.

We are considering forming another group especially for Benefit gigs. If anyone is interested in joining; each gig basically involves contacting bands , designing a poster and pasting it up , plus working on the door or in childcare for an hour or so on the night . We need some new energy in all parts of the Squatters Union but especially this one . Phone 481 8097 .
Also we would appreciate hearing from any bands who are interested in performing because our contact list is limited .



ST KILDA'S

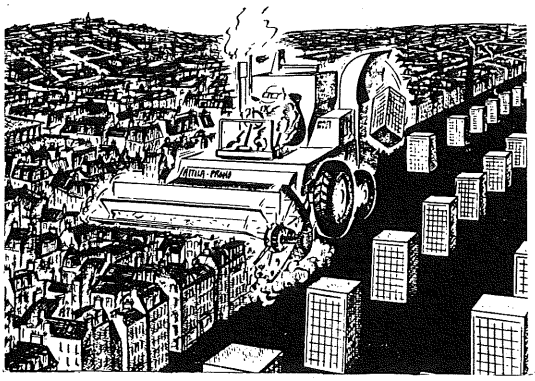
Yet again the money moguls, capatalist wankers and government sponsered crimminals have won.The Baymour court flats were evicted by the filth,subserviant scum to the rich while a hundred or so people looked on and the media filmed the whole show to screen between sports segments.

The whole process started a few years ago when high flying parasites such as Bond and Brady moved into St-kilda declaring it their town to tear apart at will. Pubs were sold and yuppafied,greasy food bars became up-market hang outs for the rich and the streets were cleaned up. The first stage was completed, the character of the town had the seed of yuppie sickness buried deep inside its grungy veins.Next the residents had to go, charnwood tenants and squatters were moved out now the esplanade,with its gold coast type views is being invaded. The venue is closed,Baymour court flats evicted and stand empty,the foreshore is secure in yuppie hands,now the interiour waits to be conquered and the evil seed will have sprouted.

The B.W.I.U. placed a green ban on the Baymour crt flats,this did'nt stop the rich scum though and the place now stands empty,ready to be squatted. The first threat of eviction came and the next day 150 or so people turned up to try and prevent it.Banners were made and a fair amount of squatting stickers were plastered all over the place. Some discussion took place as to the best tactics to employ. A vocal group of people who had an aura of bureacracy managed to take control of the meeting and enforced the rule that only the people who live in the flats and invited guests could actually go inside the flats. They would leave the doors open for the filth to march inside and would just barricade the main doors. The rest of us were to remain outside waving banners and shouting boring cliches. It seemed the whole vibe was peace at all costs, a useless philosophy if you're serious about resisting an eviction or saving a town from destruction. The filth rolled up, saw the amount op people present and left. Apparantly the stupid bastards were busy directing traffic as the traffic lights were broken, bet they were spewing they could'nt go and bash some people.

LAST STAND

After we heard there was'nt to be an eviction a spontaneous march was quickly strung together and we marched down to BIggin and Scott real estate agents. (The swines who manage the flats, also a known discriminator against low income people.) Chanting " Evict Biggin and Scott " There was probably close to 200 people at this stage,we stormed into their offices and demanded to see the slimy managers, they, arse lickers to the rich were not to be seen, they were hiding in their offices pretending they did'nt exist while the receptionists freaked out. Again some vocal people claiming to be ' organisors ' came up with the suggestion that we should leave as we had proved our point. (We would have proved our point more if we'd trashed their offices. After some discussion we ended up leaving and continued up the street. The yuppies, sprawled on seats outside trendy cafes looked on, amused at the whole thing WE should have rammed their wine bottles down their shit filled mouths and rammed their sunglasses up their arses. Maybe then they would understand us. We returned to the flats and milled about like mindless sheep, listned to some jerk of a cop say he knew nothing about the eviction or when it would be, we then went home to wait the next eviction call.

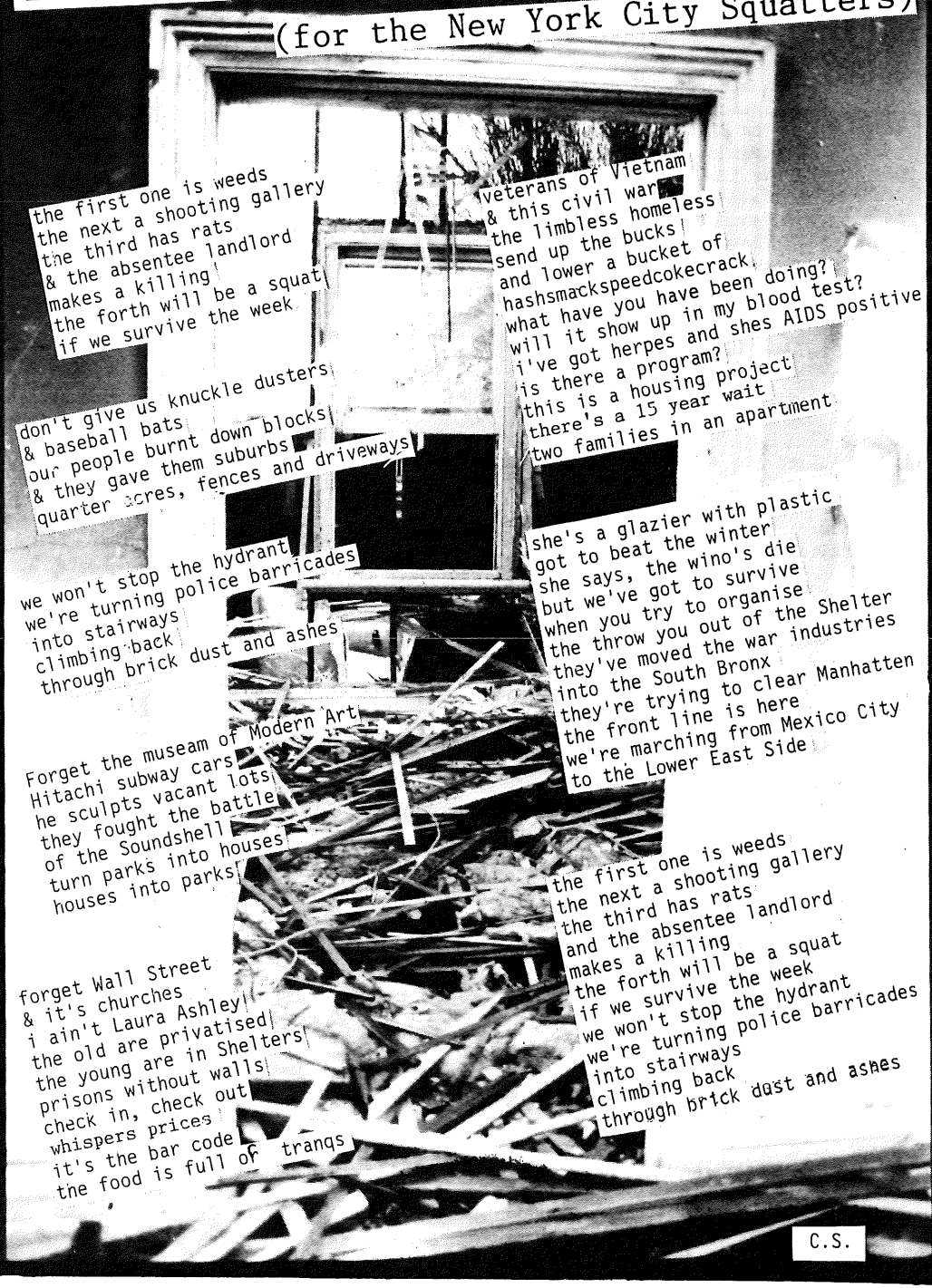


It came a week later, 150 people turned up but it was all too late, the eviction had occured,the filth stood around smirking, Mike Brady (yes, football jingle writer and full time land developing scum, up yours Brady) stood around gloating and protestors waved banners around. The eviction was quite organised in as far as the filth had sealed off the backstreets. Only six of the scum were actually at the flats, try trying to look thratning.

The absurd thing is people took the power of the filth too seriously and did as they were told. With 150 people around the only power the filth had was thepower given to them through our fear. We could have stormed into the flats trampling the filth as we went and they would have been able to do fuck all about it. Instead everyone went home. What bullshit, if we are serious about keeping our homes we have to fight for them, turn every eviction into a confrontation, refuse to be intimidated by their money and power fight back with everything we've got The filth can be made to bleed, making them bleed is extremely empowering. The only way to make a stand is by resisting, some people call it violance, I call it self defence, we're fighting for our homes and our right to create and contol the community we live in. We have to link up with other groups trying to fight the same thing (West melbourne, collingwood and Fitzroy.)
The more we are unafraid the more powerful we are, if we don't start fighting now it will be to late and we'll be pushed into suburbia and left to rot.
PEACE, LOVE AND MOLATAV COCKTAILS.

First we take Manhattan.

(for the New York City Squatters)



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the next a shooting gallery
the third has rats
& the absentee landlord
makes a killing
the forth will be a squat
if we survive the week

don't give us knuckle dusters
& baseball bats
our people burnt down blocks
& they gave them suburbs
quarter acres, fences and driveways

we won't stop the hydrant
we're turning police barricades
into stairways
climbing back
through brick dust and ashes

Forget the museam of Modern Art
Hitachi subway cars
he sculpts vacant lots
they fought the battle
of the Soundshell
turn parks into houses
houses into parks

forget Wall Street
& it's churches
i ain't Laura Ashley
the old are privatised
the young are in Shelters
prisons without walls
check in, check out
whispers prices
it's the bar code
the food is full of trangs

veterans of Vietnam
& this civil war
the limbless homeless
send up the bucks
and lower a bucket of
hashsmackspeedcokecrack
what have you been doing?
will it show up in my blood test?
i've got herpes and shes AIDS positive
is there a program?
this is a housing project
there's a 15 year wait
two families in an apartment

she's a glazier with plastic
got to beat the winter
she says, the wino's die
but we've got to survive
when you try to organise
the throw you out of the Shelter
they've moved the war industries
into the South Bronx
they're trying to clear Manhatten
the front line is here
we're marching from Mexico City
to the Lower East Side

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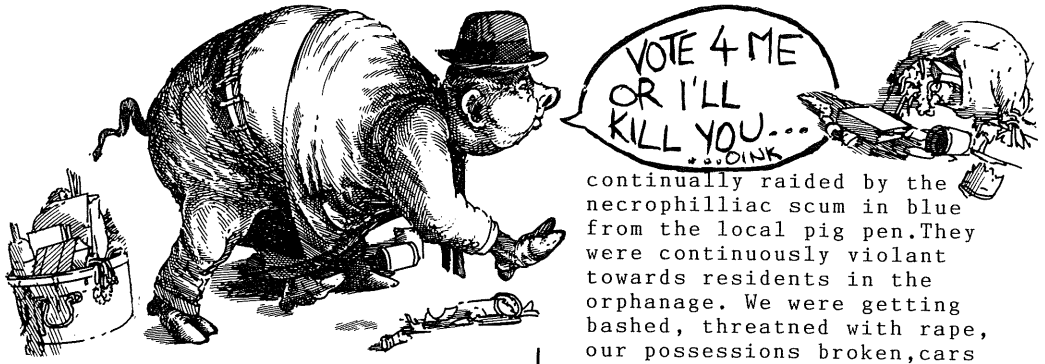


Some information extracted from the St-Kilda/Sandridge times is quite worrying,it refers to a certain councillor one Shane Dowling, also a Sargeant with the south melbourne police. He's a pretty formable character,big, solid and arrogant he throws people around like they are barbie dolls. Well it appears this hunk of steaming shit is now a councillor and no doubt is perpatraing the vilance he uses on the streets to fellow councillors(Left wingers like Anne Fahey) who don't agree with his fascist beliefs.This power hungry scum fucker is on a parrallel with Hitler when it comes to being racist,biggoted, prejudiced and generally fucked,he's fascism in its evilist form.Ask anyone on the streets of south melbourne who is'nt a form of yuppie low life what they think of their honourable councillor and they'll tell you stories that make pol pot look like an angel.How this mindless thug got into council is beyond me, he must have intimidated the councillors and residents to vote for him because he's got the brains of a labotamised chook and the vocabulary to match. The idea of this swine wielding power in council terrifies me, given what I've seen of him and his smelly cronies,we had the ludicrious situation when the orphanage was squatted 18 months ago of a squat,supported by the council and government being continually raided by the necrophilliac scum in blue from the local pig pen.They were continuously violant towards residents in the orphanage. We were getting bashed, threatned with rape, our possessions broken,cars and motor bike tyres punctured and a host of other things. when we went to the council to complain we were told "we have no juristiction over the police,they do what they like."

Talk about running amuck. It seemed the absurd situation was that the filth did as they liked while the rest of the town tried to work its life around these goat rapers from hell's violent tendencies. If it sounds like something out a western film, but no its south melbourne now. I dread what to think is next! The prevalant attitude we got from scum dowling was that south melbourne was "his town"(I had a gun held to my head when I was told this) and I should fuck off. Now that he's a councilor fuck knows what might happen. Will you be shot for having coloured hair, charged for having holes in your jeans, imprisoned for being dole or given an i.d. card and a curfew for living in the commission flats.Given this guys fucked mind anything is possable.He's got the police force behind him and the council so he could live out all his fantasies.I'm glad I don't live their anymore, I'm sure I would have been killed long ago.If you want to register your dissapproval throw a brick through south Melbourne police station or 88 Mills street Albert park phone 690-3848, address it to Shane Dowling Fascist shit head scumbag,dead lamb fucker from the sewage pit.

COMMUNITY ACTION

Sydney group Community Action, have learnt a few things that some of us have long suspected: democracy is not worth a shit, elected "representatives" are wankers and local councils deserve to be nuked!

The story as follows:

In early april, a group of about thirty people, making up four seperate collectives, squatted two long-empty shops in Broadway. The next day, after a lot of clearing up and puting effort into setting up the shops, we opened them up as a community centre.

There was a community cafe, a small bookshop, a housing advice centre and a shop front office for local community station, Radio Skid Row. All these things are desperately needed, not just in the local area, but in inner Sydney as a whole.

The centre had only been open for two and a half days when it was accidentally discovered by South Sydney Council, who own the buildings. At about four that afternoon, the mayor, Vic "Prick" Smith, drove up in his flash waste-of-ratepayers-money limo. He refused to speak to anyone there as he marched arrogantly around. When he left they called the filth and we got thrown out onto the street.

This was just two hours before a full meeting of the council. So Smith obviously didn't want them to have the opportunaty to discuss the matter before we got evicted.

A group of people representing the various collectives in the centre went along to the council meeting - we were greeted at the door by three friendly neighbourhood filth! - and the squat was put first on the agenda. [I think we made them nervous and they wanted us out of the meeting fast!] They told us to come along to the next meeting of the properties sub-committee and put our case to them

After a lot of bureaucratic wanking around (which included writing a 20 page submission) they finally gave us the brush-off on May 24th at a council meeting.

They put up a fairly good pretence of listening to our case and considering our application for the premises. But in the end, what we had begun to feel over the past few weeks became obvious - it was just a pretence. They never intended to even consider giving us premises in the first place, but were merely playing us along to try and avoid the possibility of us making any trouble for them.

Their refusal was based on a report from their community services dept. This report contained nothing but lies and misinformation, both about the need for the services we were providing and the groups involved in the project. In some ways, this was no surprise, and it is pretty obvious that a lot of behind-the-scenes dealing has been taking place.

MR WILSON HAS COLOURFUL VISIONS OF SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH HIS WINDOW

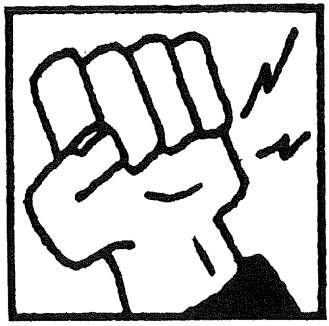
From the way the mayor reacted in the first place, I got a very strong impression that there were important real estate interests (with of course the chances of a large payoff) involved in his decision to throw us out at any costs. Although they have been empty for a long time - and were beginning to decay rapidly through disuse - those two shops in Broadway are in a potentially very important business area. A lot of property developers would be overjoyed (to the point of large cash handouts?) at the possibility of getting their dirty thieving paws on them.

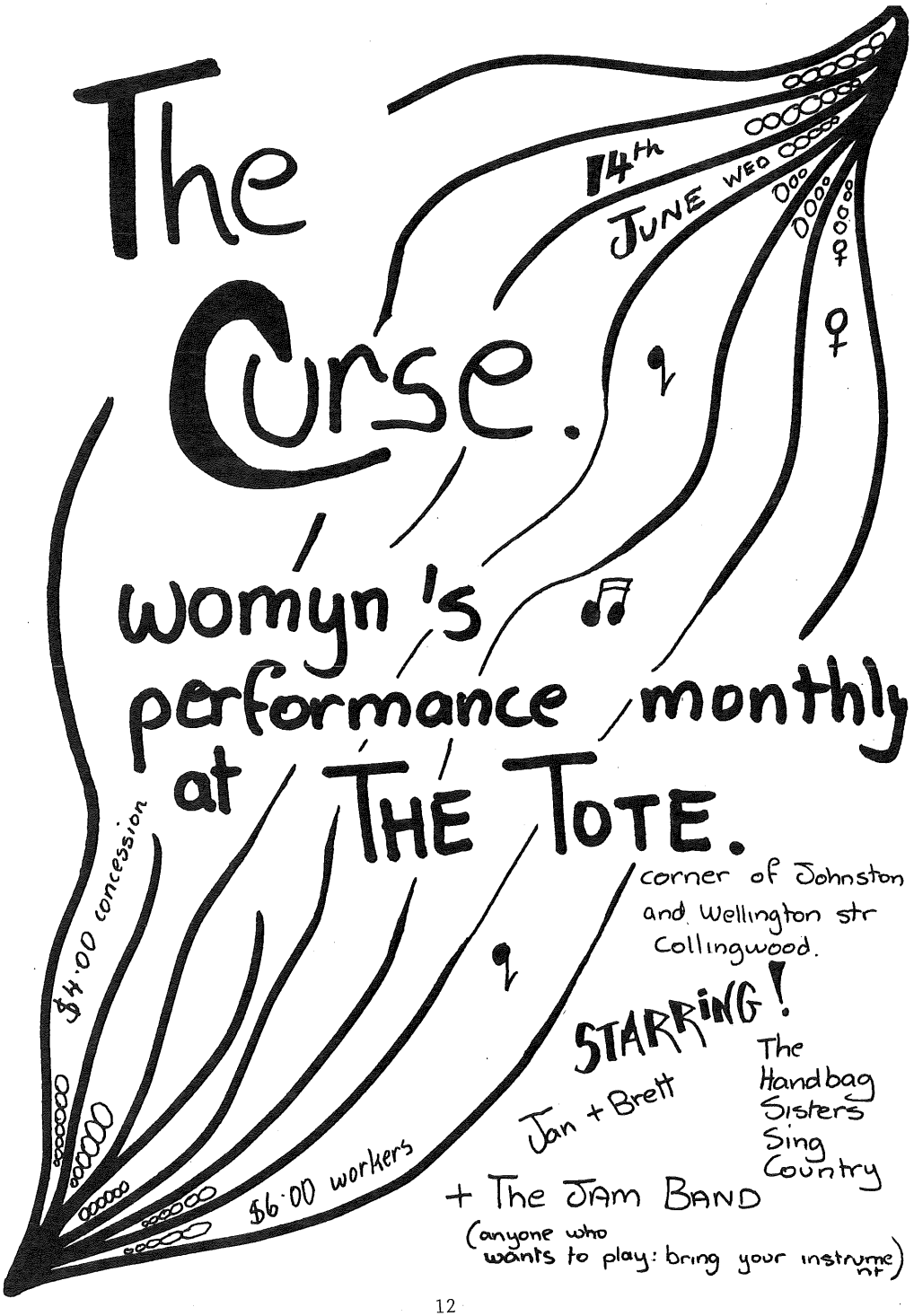
We all know about those people who set themselves up as our unofficial "community" leaders. They are often long-time residents in their area who get paid for working in some community organization or other and who, because they have big mouths (and egos to match) get themselves in a position to influence people like local councillors.

Their cause is always the most important and anyone trying to do anything new in the area comes in for their scrutiny. They fancy themselves as not just representatives of their own (often important) cause, but as watchdogs over anything else going on in their area. If you don't work in the way they think you should, and if you don't lick their arses enough, they dismiss you as not being representative of, or of any value to any part of the local community. The report from the community services dept contained words which pretty obviously came straight from the mouth of one of these self-important wankers. This person had used almost the same words in speaking to us a few weeks before.

The groups involved, and the services provided by Community Action cannot be dismissed this easily. We are representative of a large section of people living in inner Sydney who have no means of collective expression or developing an identity as a large community group. (This is probably the aspect that most scares everyone who was against giving us premises.) And the services that the comunity centre will provide are desperately needed by a lot of people. Inner Sydney needs its community radio station. The NSW govt has just cut all funding for housing advice. There is nowhere to go and meet people like themselves for hundreds (if not thousands) of people living in the area.

But we're not finished yet, by any means. South Sydney Council can get fucked, along with their reactionary and self-interested advisers. We don't need any of you. We've never got anything from any of you yet, and we'll survive without anything in the future. The community centre will happen and we'll have twice as much strength from doing it our own way and by (and for) ourselves. So shove your buildings, your payoffs and your opinions up your colective arses. WE WILL BE BACK!




The Curse.
14th JUNE WED
womyn's performance monthly at THE TOTE.
corner of Johnston and Wellington str Collingwood.
$4.00 concession
$6.00 workers
STARRING!
Jan + Brett
The Handbag Sisters Sing Country
+ The JAM BAND
(anyone who wants to play: bring your instrument)

We are a group of womyn who recognize the need for a venue where womyn can express their valuable creativity freely.

The "music-industry" is still dominated by men and is inaccessable to womyn so we have to acknowledge our talent and abilities ourselves.

"The Curse" believes womyn should be paid for the enormous ammount of work that goes into a band, a dance, a song, a piece of artistic work, a comedy sketch, anything we do creatively. And womyn also should be paid for our technical and organizing skills.

We also strive to encourage womyn to come out and PERFORM what they enjoy and believe in.

We want to promote this to a mixed audience because we want womyn to have a general audience and be supported by men for their work and efforts.

"The Curse" is a collective of womyn who rotate their jobs and skills, so that we all work and learn in the different areas of, publicity, contacting and booking performers, the technical side, and performing etc.

We invite you to support us and the performers by coming to the CURSE once a month, on a Wednesday night, at the TOTE HOTEL. If you have anything you want to perform please do not hesitate to contact us----

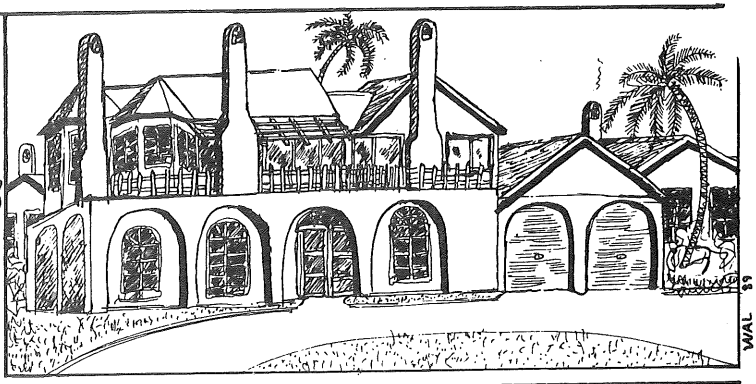
419 0564
328 1751

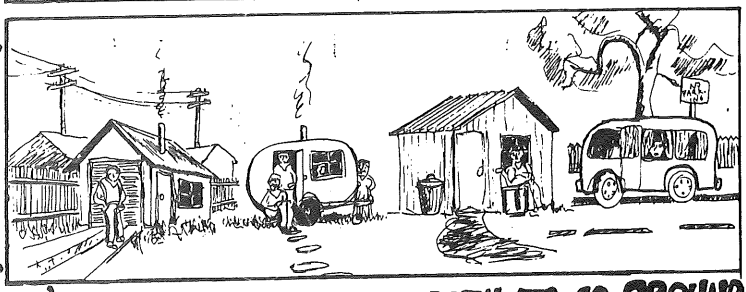
For interstate womyn interested we can also arrange some more gigs if possible to cover the costs of your travelling.

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

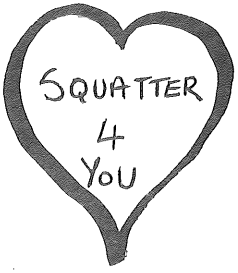
thanx the Curse ♀ '89

FOR EVERY FAMILY THAT LIVES LIKE THIS, LOTS OF FAMILIES HAVE TO LIVE LIKE THIS.





BECAUSE THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH WEALTH TO GO AROUND!

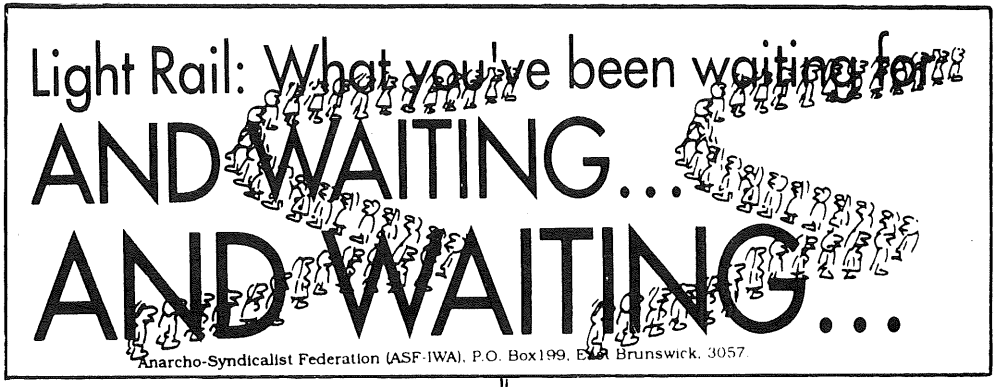


Squatters in an empty council owned building got a rude awakening one morning when the council came around to tell us that they were going to board up the building and we had two days to get out (sorry about the inconvenience) or else!
The building, an old recreation centre had been empty for over a year and in the two weeks we had been there it had been home for three and a venue for weekly basketball games (where the SU had wiped the floor with all opposition) There were also plans for using the space as a community centre

The council had no future plans for the building except to see it nicely boarded up and rotting. Stuff that! We got our shit together and leafleted the local area calling for support from the community to stop the eviction. Friday came and about ten people showed up to support us. We sat around waiting for the show down but obviously the thought of publicity had scared off the council- after all their lipservice to helping homeless youth they didn't want to be seen turfing us out of our home.
The next week a couple of the squatters went to a meeting with the council and local community groups where we were told that the council would hold off the eviction until a local housing group could find us alternative accommodation. Obviously they've found out that its not as easy as it sounds.....one month later the squatters are still here, and its going to take a lot more than empty promises to move us.

Light Rail

The community pot is coming to the boil in the Melbourne inner suburb of Brunswick. The fire underneath it is the proposal by the Metropolitan Transport Authority (the MET), to scrap the Sydney Rd, tramline and the Upfield trainline, and run light-rail vehicles through the crowded city streets to Brunswick where it will pick up the old train route. The MET is trying hard to market the proposal but so far has run up against a brick wall.


Light Rail: What you've been waiting for
AND WAITING...
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Anarcho-Syndicalist Federation (ASF-IWA), P.O. Box199, East Brunswick, 3057

As the issue will no doubt be an ongoing source of news its worthwhile explaining some of the problems with this particular "lie trail" proposal. Firstly, light-rail is a misnomer. The vehicle is really an articulated tram. As such it can run down any tramline without modification. Such trams are needed on nearly all Melbourne tram routes during peak hour when the existing service is stretched to the limit. But in an ongoing bid to run down the rail service (note here Keating's recent attack on State rail deficits) the Government is using this "new" vehicle to cut back public transport.

Brunswick has the lowest person to car ratio of any Melbourne suburb. Its public transport access and the variety of goods and services available in the area, mean residents don't need to commute as often as those in suburbs where they're lucky to see a bus every half hour. As an older working class suburb with a light industry base, it has attracted many migrants who have contributed to making it what it now is: a suburb where the community has a sense of identity, history, co-operation and struggle.

The Sydney Rd. tramline is the pivotal line dividing the suburb from east to west. Being what it suggests, the road that goes to Sydeny, the slow moving traffic has long been a source of irritation to the trucking companies and the motorist who see life in terms of moving as fast as possible. But that slowness is not the concern of residents. A serious accident on Sydney Rd is rare. Shoppers criss-cross the street to check the competitive food prices, and school-kids don't need supervision at the pedestrian lights. While speed is of the essence for the money-makers it does not contribute to personal satisfaction!

Light-rail down the train line will be slower as there will more stops. The vehicles will not be able to cope with the peak hour crowds - this is the case where they have been introduced on the Port Melbourne and St.Kilda routes

replacing the trains. The crowded vehicles have also increased journey time - it takes longer for commuters to push their way to the exits; and caused vehicles to bunch up. By the time they near the city there are 3 or 4 together and a long wait for the next one.

has been neglected for decades and still uses hand-operated boom gates and stick signals. Obviously the rail-line needs to be upgraded. It needs a double track line so that trains can run in both directions without having to wait for

DON'T STAND FOR LIGHT RAIL

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Meanwhile traffic on Sydney Rd will increase, but only move faster in the short-term, as the increased load will cause it to slow down eventually. Then we will see cars and trucks belching fumes instead of pollution-free trams. A lot of that traffic will try to short-cut through residential streets. As the recent study by Murdoch University on the traffic problems of the world's cities shows - they are only getting worse.

Passenger safety is at stake both from the increased risk of accidents - with one tram running up the back of another, there being no safeworking signalling for trams as there is for trains- and because of the isolation of the route. People who only risk travelling at night because they can get off a tram in a well-lit main street will be put off from travelling altogether. The big-tram stops will be 300 metres from the main road, shops and often from the nearest residences. With the railway stations no longer operational, the vulnerability of travellers will be a long-term problem.

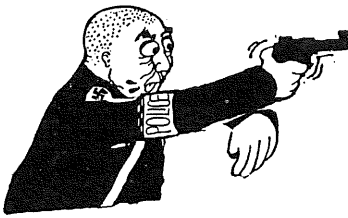
Why do the MET want to close the train line? Well they say it is the least patronised. That's probably true (there is always one line patronised the least). But then it's also true that it

an oncoming train to use the single track. And given the rate of housing construction to the north of Melbourne, the line needs to be extended to service the new suburbs.

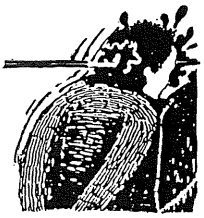
A meeting of 500 residents/ workers and users met at Brunswick on March 21 and unanimously rejected the Light Rail push of the MET's. This meeting demanded the Sydney Rd trams remain while the Upfield rail line be upgraded to bring it into the 20th Century. Also, this meeting formed an action committee to co-ordinate opposition to the MET plans.

And at Coburg the following night, 150 people similarly rejected Light Rail, while demanding an improvement to the tram and train services.

Transport workers have also let it be known they'll not cop another cut in services. Brunswick Depot trammies - the ones who'd run the Light Rail, and the depot where the Sydney Rd trams are based at - indicated to railworkers late last year, they'd not "steal jobs from rail workers". On 22nd March, ARU suburban guards met and demanded the upgrading of the Upfield train line. Any attempt to close the line down would be met with the "strongest possible industrial action".



STOP THE COPS KILLING



I didn't know David Gundy. I heard about him on the news when his death was announced. He was shot by police when they raided his home on April the 27th.

I saw the blood stain on the bed-i'm not a forensic expert but it sure didn't look like the result of a struggle, i mean it wasn't sprayed around it was in a puddle.

And there's lots of other suspicious behaviour by police, like the way they removed the body so quickly?

And if the gun went off accidently, how come it went off twice? Have we not enough evidence of police cover-ups to immediately dismiss as laughable the notion that an internal police investigation will reveal the truth?

Dolly Eates, David Gundy's companion, was interviewed on the telly. She said "David was a worker" . I thought alot a about what it means to be a single parent, working, struggling in a system thats stacked against you and wake up one morning with three goons in your bed room with shotguns. David Gundy was shot in his bed. The police are lying. It could happen to anyone- "accidental" death of a koorie, "accidental" death of an anarchist, "accidental"death of a worker- SURE. That's how we know the police are lying- there are so many of these "accidents" these days.

On Monday May 1, 30 people picketad the NSW Travel Centre in Melbourne and protested the shooting of David Gundy. For most , the significance of may 1 was not lost. It is the day workers around the world remember their struggles and fight for our future. It is a day of remembérance for the workers, executed by the American State in 1887, after they had been set up by the police.Their crime had been to organise an effective campaign for the eight hour day. It is important that David Gundy is not forgoten. WE HAVE TO ORGANISE TO STOP THE COPS KILLING.

Heard a couple of interesting stories the other day....

Remember the shooting of those two cops in Sydney the other week? Well, according to someone that saw it happen, the cops were pushing this bloke around and pistol-whipping him. He got pissed off with this and grabbed the gun they were hitting him with and used it to shoot them. Puts a bit of a different perspective on the story doesn't it?

Also, when they shot David Gundy, it wasn't a mistake. Rumour has it he was involved in some dodgey deals with a couple of crooked (aren't they all?) cops and ended up owing them a lot of money (or possibly ripping them off). They used the opportunity to kill him without a fuss being made. Well they were looking for a black cop killer weren't they? and he was black, so they had every reason to think he might shoot them if he woke up...

This last one could be a bit defamatory so apologies to the victim and his family if its not true. No apologies to the cops though!

or wimp out

So Baymore Court hear that they're gonna get evicted and send out the call for help. The next day around 150 people, who are sick of seeing St. Kilda turned into a yuppie mecca by greedy developer scum of the earth show up to try to stop the eviction. When we arrived we were told, at best, to stand around and maybe hold a placcard, or, at worst, if we dared to try and start some sort of discussion about what we were trying to do "look shut up, you don't even live here and if you don't like it, piss off".

Well so much for community solidarity.

Sure in any eviction we respect the right of the residents to decide how far they want to go, but in this case any attempt to talk about strategy was quickly stopped by a couple of Baymore residents puffed up with their own delusions of self importance and carrying megaphones.

Heaps of people who showed up to the eviction felt really ripped off as most of the residents expected us to stand around mute and stupid and move out all their furniture for them.

As it turned out, Baymore Court got evicted a week later - when supporters and media cameras weren't around.

Everyone knew that would happen. So why then wasn't a strategy worked out to stop it? With 150 people and the support of the community behind us we could have done a lot more than just a token gesture.

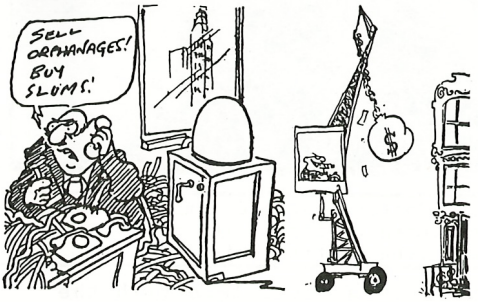
If people are really serious about saving St Kilda its gonna take a bit more than a couple of banners and petitions to stop developers whose only concern is how much money they can make out of the destruction of peoples homes and community.

Whether it be St.Kilda, West Melbourne Fitzroy - the issue is the same. The development and yuppification of inner

city residential areas is happening all over Melbourne (Australia and the rest of the world if you want to open your eyes and look at it) Faster than rising interest rates, more powerful than a whack over the head with a bit of 4-B-2, scumbag developers are having a party ripping the guts out of inner city communities to replace them with highly profitable 40 storey post modern eyesores for those who can afford to pay and don't give a fuck.

If we want to stop the bastards we need to realise there is a lot more to this fight than our own individual houses. Campaigns like Save St Kilda are starting to realise this, but the is also no point in saving St Kilda if the rest of Melbourne's inner city is demolished instead.

Harping back to Baymore Court, the major piss off of the day was the total lack of talk about what was happening, in fact the active sabotage of any attempts to initiate discussion. How the fuck can we work out ways to stop the developers if we're not even going to talk about it, or if we're going to rite off any actions other than writing letters to politicians on some self righteous, moral non-violent trip. Get Real. As if forcing people out of their homes isn't a violent act (err its OK if the government do it..) As if those who'll fuck over anything for a profit are going to stop if we ask them nicely.



These leeches are waging a war against us and they'll stop at nothing. They don't give a flying fuck about our lives, our houses or our community or even the bloody planet. If we are going to stop them we have to fight back, and if the only place that hurts is their hip pocket, thats where we hit.No use harping on about social justice, but $500,000 worth of damage to machinery might make them think about it.

But we've got to get organised. One off spats of destruction (although they can't hurt and often make you feel better) are about as useful as a letter to the govt. What really scares them is a well organised and thought out campaign waged by the whole community, residents and workers against the careless greed of the parasitic scum.

If we don't fight back we may as well all move to the suburbs cause thats all that will be left for us once the yuppies and central business district have turned what used to be our homes into multi storey monoliths to capitalism in two tonegrey and pink pastels with gold trimmings.

Its time to stop...stop believeing that politicians, councillors, beauracrats, power mongers will listen to our pleas, take notice of our petitions and negotiate for a suitable agreement. Its time to stop asking and start taking what has always been rightfully ours anyway. Lobbying and petitioning are (amongst many) institutionalised ways of protest. How many times must we fail to achieve our demands and be bought out by concessions. before we realise that these forms of protest, although they have their place, are never going to get us what we really want.

Only through direct action in its multitude of forms, from graffiti to green bans and solidarity strikes from relevant union, sabotage and boycott will we get what we want. Accept their concessions yes, but don't stop till we get what we want.

We don't want the gutters...

We want the whole fucking city.

Exclusive

HEART WRENCHING INTERVIEW !?

EXCLUSIVE HEART WRENCHING TEAR JERKING,RATINGS MAKING INTERVIEW WITH A REAL LIFE STREET KID BY THE MAN WHO"S SEEN IT ALL - DRIBBLING CLICHE.

LIL..."often i go and fight the seagulls for pieces of bread, thats how i lost my eye"...tough street kid.

I'M INTERVIEWING LIL, WHO I FOUND HUDDLED UNDER A BOX AT FLINDERS STREET STATION,PUS DRIPPING FROM HER GANGRENOUS LEGS AND A GAPING MAGGOT ENCRUSTED HOLE WHERE HER EYE USED TO BE.

D.C. Lil, how long have you been living in this box for?

Lil: Two years, i rent it from the MET at $40 per week, it has a combined toilet bedroom and air conditioning.Its better than my old place,which was a tomb at the Carlton cemetry.

D.C.; Do you receive any social security benefits.?

LIL:$25 dollars a week,which is the under 18 dole,they don't classify me as homeless and won't give me a pension because they think I can get a job crawling around the streets licking rich yuppie scums shoes clean.

D.C. : When did you leave home?

LIL: when I was 10.

D.C. : Why?

LIL: Because my father used to nail me to the floor and beat me with a cat ' o nine tails, which was studded,this was happening from when I was three months old.I fin lly left when he poured petrol over my mother and set fire to her for being 10 minutes late with the tea.

D.C. : Did you ever go to the police about this?

LIL; NO because my father was a an inspector in the force and his fellow filthy perverted scum used to come around too and whip me.

D.C.; Given the money you receive does'nt cover your living expenses, how do you survive ?

LIL: I scam around, often I go and fight the sea-gulls for pieces of bread,that's how I lost my eye.I also go into st Pauls cathederal on sundays and take money from the collection bowl.All the rich arrogant shits are to busy masturbating with their wallats to stop me and the priests are busy drinking the blood of virgins.

D.C. How did you lose your legs?

LIL : I was craling across the tram tracks to get a mouldy bone I'd seen and a tram ran over me.

D.C.; Did anyone do anything to help:

LIL : The blood bank came and taped bottles to my stumps to collect blood and the tramways sued me for traumatising the tram driver.

D.C.: Wow that's truly amazing and horrific,my stone, I mean gold heart bleeds for you,how do you cope with the depressing existance you are forced to live.

LIL: The doctors prescribe me panadol which helps a bit and I try and have a positive attitude towards life.I've heard the Met is thinking of giving me another box to live in so I'll have a loungeroom for guests to come and see me, I'm looking foward to it.

D.C. : Well I'm sure the $1. worth of cold,greasy chips I'm giving you for this exclusive interview will help you.Bob Hawke made an absurd statement that he would end child poverty by 1990,what do you think of that statement ?

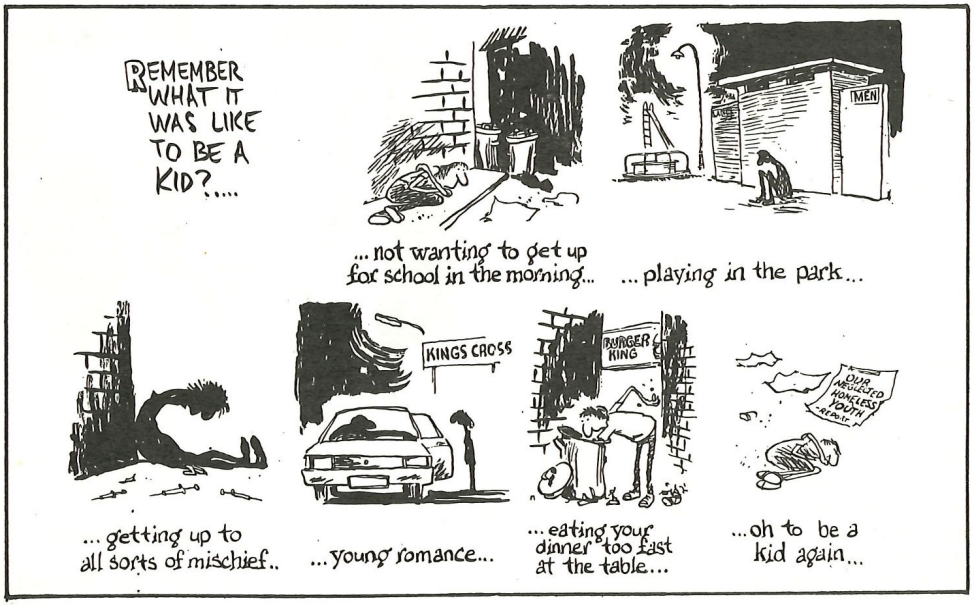
LIL : It's bullshit,the guys talking through his arse,he'll tell any lie to get more votes. I met him once,he mistook me for a doormat and wiped his feet on me.

D.C. ; Do you have anything you would like to say to the average citizen out there ?

LIL: Yes,you make me sick,you stupid pricks,youre whole life is obscene and the sooner you all die the better,I hope we get nuked soon.

D.C.; Thanks for the interview Lil, here's a don't worry be happy t-shirt,you've boosted my ratings heaps and my pay packet too,I hope all goes wel with you, I'll drop into your funeral if I'm passing . good -bye.

LIL; Good bye you conceited little jerk,they should have let you rot in jail,all you care about is your pay packet and your ego,I hope you die a horrable and slow death and where's my chips you dirty fucking scum-bag.


REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE A KID?....
... not wanting to get up for school in the morning...
MEN
... playing in the park...
KINGS CROSS
BURGER KING
OUR HOMELESS HOMELESS YOUTH NEED IT!
... getting up to all sorts of mischief..
... young romance...
... eating your dinner too fast at the table...
...oh to be a kid again...

CAPEL ST CRUSHES COUNCIL CASH-IN

Mark another one up for community/worker solidarity as another scheme by the ever present capos (this time the Melb City Council) is brought to a grinding halt.

The MCC 'scumbag' faction must be laughing on the other side of their faces now that a 7 union ban has put an end to the latest quick-buck scam.

After 20 years of ignoring their responsibilities as landleeches, and indifference to the tenants requests for assurance that their houses would remain their homes, the pro-development bloc of the MCC finally suceeded, on the th of , in stacking the meeting and bulldozing a decision thru to sell off the houses in Capel St to fill the coffers of the council and their pockets at the same time.

Refusing to be beaten, even in the face of such blatant hypo-crisy [the council was elected on a platform of continued maintenance of low income housing in the area] the Capel St squatters and residents went to the unions.

Solidarity action was not long in coming and bans by 7 unions have, at least temporarily, put a halt to Kevin Chamberlain and co's plans to get rich quick by sacrificing some of the last inner city residences that haven't (as yet) fallen before the onslaught of developers and/or yukkiefication.

The council buck-suckers are now in a position where they are forced to negotiate with the residents as to the fate of Capel St.....and yet another fight is won thru community and worker solidarity and action.

the shadow of life

a life of death
a life of hate
in this life we must give and take

slaves in life
slaves in school
oh can't you see that you're the fool

across the seas of death and waste
is it we who design this fate

in this life
you can win
or you can choose
for the ones to choose
are the ones that lose

life is no good
life is pain
I've got to stop it
because I'm going insane

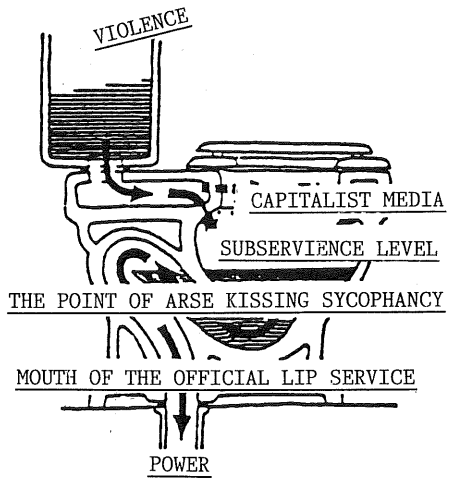
the mad professor
C.P.S.
Circling Poets of Serendipity

HOW A GOVERNMENT WORKS

a guide for undo-it-yourselfers

The answer is gratifyingly simple!

A cutaway view of a typical government (see illustration) reveals the direct connection leading from violence to power slopes first upward for a short distance, then sharply downward/ Note that the capitalist media subservience level falls just short of the point of arse kissing sycophancy where the outlet begins to slope downward, and that the mouth of the official lipservice is normally full of shit!



Gipsy joins the Surrey stockbrokers

London, Tuesday

A gipsy has been given an acre of common land in the middle of Surrey's stockbroker belt after winning a claim for squatter's rights.

Mr Fred Bull, 67, succeeded in his claim for squatters' rights at Rodborough Common on the ground that he had lived on the same acre of land for more than 12 years. He was originally given permission to stay by the Lord of the Manor, and refused to move when the common was sold to the county council for £25,000 a few years later.

"We're well pleased," he said after the case. "We made our stand here after being driven round the country like cattle for years and now it's ours for good."

Last night, a neighbor, the junior Environment Minister, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, added her voice to that of the local parish council, which has fought for the eviction of Mr Bull, for more than 20 years. "I am going to have urgent discussions with the parish council to see what lessons can be learned about how this family got the land for themselves," she said. "It is a beautiful part of the countryside and this shouldn't be allowed to happen."

At the weekend, Mr Bull removed five old caravans, in which he lived with his wife Linda and two grown-up children, and replaced them with two mobile homes. The acre, worth up to £1 million, has running water, a telephone, a greenhouse and a small shed.

Mrs Pamela Porter, of Witley Parish Council, said the local county council had been guilty of "absolute negligence" in not evicting Mr Bull before the 12-year limit.

Surrey's gipsy officer, Mr Ronnie Broughton, said the case was unique in the county's history and that there were no other instances of gipsy squats lasting more than a few months.

— Guardian

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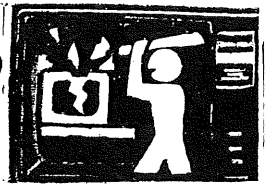


There is evidence no more convincing than that of the rising number of media institutions like Neighbourhood Watch and Crime-Stoppers, that fascism is on the way in!

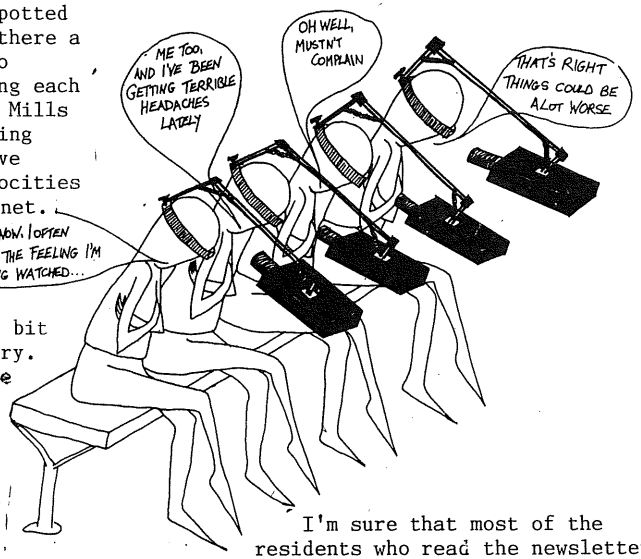
Like during the rise of Hitler, people are encouraged to be suspicios of eachother (as a way of detecting "crime"), and so creating paranoia and tension in the community. people are turned against eachother (creating more divisions) and so, assist the state by policing eachother.

A Crime Stopper sticker spotted on a tram recently read: "Is there a wanted man on this tram?" - so everyone on the tram is sussing each other out over newspapers and Mills and Boon novels and not thinking about their boss who pays slave wages and the rest of the atrocities daily taking place on the planet.

Crime stoppers is a show on TV which reveals the "facts" and "clues" on certain Unresolved crimes, and we the viewers can do our bit by helping to solve the mystery. Most of the "crimes" shown are petty ones and often crimes of poverty, like bank robberies. Poor people trying to survive a habit or a home loan. If a rich person wanted to rob a bank, suerly they would buy it first!

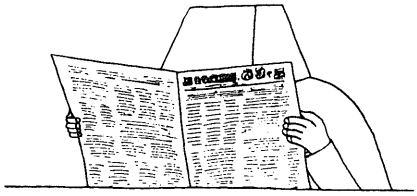
So criminals like multinationals politicians and police are ignored while they continue to expliot, oppress, slime, kick, suck and fuck the rest of society, not to mention willingly destroy the planet and avoid paying taxes at the same time! Crimes of infinite magnitude compared to that of the small time drug addict or poor person. And then while we're quibbling about whether that man really was the one who robbed that bank in East Reservoir five years ago, the government slip in more police powers and tax file numbers.

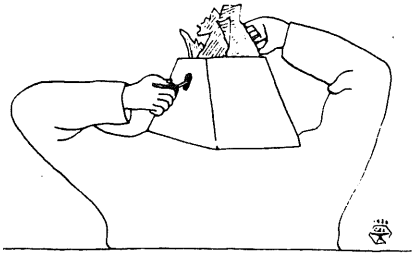
A recent Neighbourhood Watch newsletter (Clifton Hill) warned readers of "squatters in the area" and to "keep an eye on empty property". This may well be because of the several leaflets which were distributed in the area to call for support for a squat which as a consequence, has servived.


ME TOO, AND I'VE BEEN GETTING TERRIBLE HEADACHES LATELY
OH WELL, MUSTN'T COMPLAIN
THAT'S RIGHT THINGS COULD BE ALOT WORSE
YOU KNOW, I OFTEN GET THE FEELING I'M BEING WATCHED...

I'm sure that most of the residents who read the newsletter are deeply concerned that there are so many homeless youth in Melbourne, but would never make the connection between homeless people and squatting. Property must be protected at all costs, even if it isn't ours.

Never does the media look at why people are committing crimes; why young people take drugs or squat





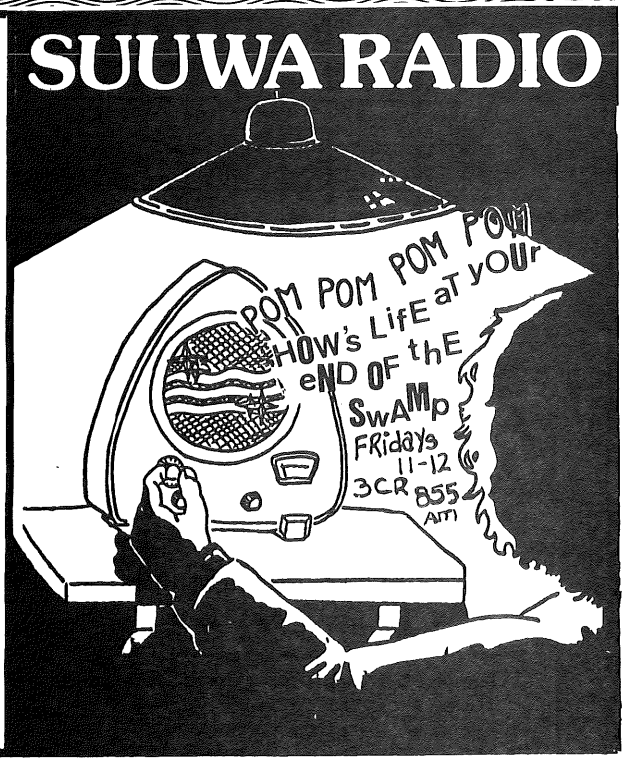
houses. Always the media takes a sensationalist look at problems and possible "cures", never does it look at prevention. For the only way we will stop these things happening is if we totally change the structure of society. We need to create a society where poor people are not scapegoated to uphold the interests of the rich. Where "crime" is no longer neccessary because everyone's needs are met. A society that looks after itself (not through terror tactics such as police or, even more frightening, each other). A society where people look out for each other because they care about each other not because they have instilled fear and paranoia.

So the next time i see Crime Stopper propaganda, i'll ring them and give them the address of my local corrupt copper or polititian,because they are the real criminals... Let's redefine "crime" and stop the slime.....

SUUWA is open access radio. Thehshow is put together by by the Squatters Union and the Unemployed Workers Union but anyone is welcome to participate. The SUUWA collective meets once a month to talk about and plan the show, if you want to get involved call the SU on 481 8097 or the UWU on 481 1155 There is always room for more people and energy.

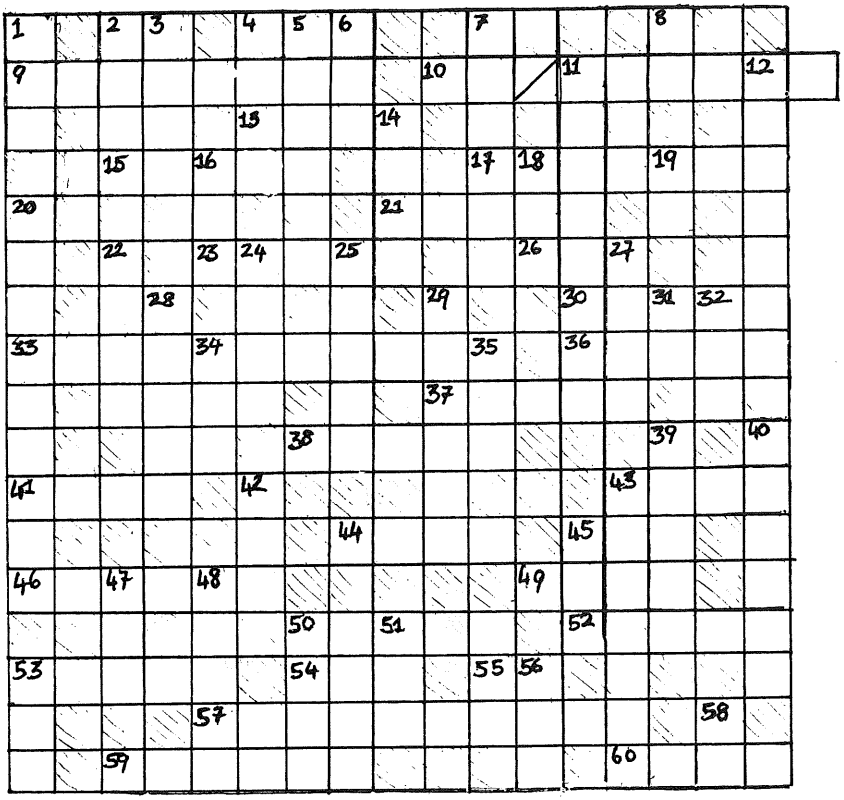
The next meeting is on Wed. 21st June at 4pm at the Community Fire Station,

The show goes for an hour, which is a good ammount of time to work with and gives us heaps of flexibility as far as the structure of the show goes. We have been getting plenty of positive responses from listeners and 3CR. Theshow isn't restricted to unemplyment and squatting issues - we will tackle almost anything that needs airing in this morally/politically censored world.....



SKWORD

Bored? Then try this brain-torture..
Theme: Drugs, Deviance & Dole-drums.



DOWN

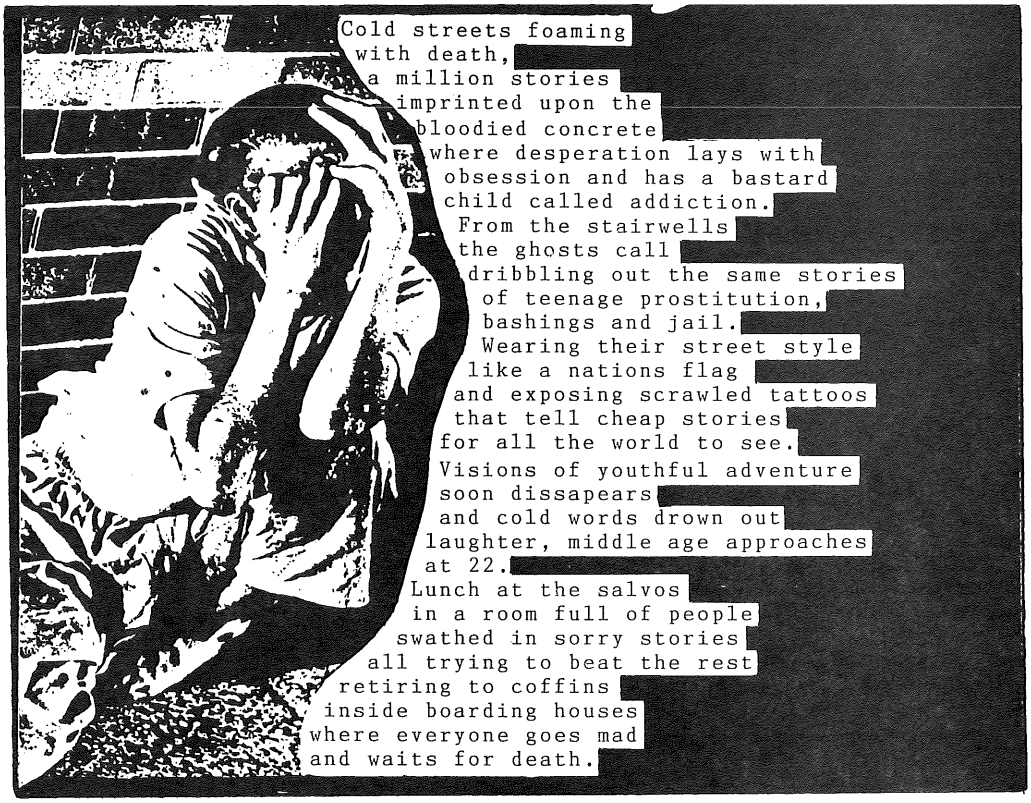
1.This blast for a blast (inits)
2.Lucy flying
3.A convent's got plenty, but you're all out
4.A band, doctors' bread n' butter
5.The ---- is on you to have fun
6.Demon (abbrev)
7.Piss and Wind
8. What drug-takers are supposed to lack (inits)
11.38 poison
12.Love drug
14"---- your product." (song)
16.Brew
18.--- the stash, can't find it.
19.Over 50%
20.Contrary Mary
22.Content
24."Ferry's" drug
25.Standard green unit (archaic)
27.Adams Family cult group (sing.)
28.Morning after, pray for bail
29.Qld's drug laws

Although we think that this crossword is pretty stupid because it could perpetuate the false idea that squatters are drug abusers, we have included it because it did not breech any of our editorial guidelines - see page 3 - (which are designed to maintain freedom of speech), and are opposed to moral censorship.

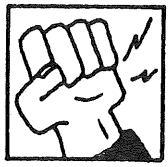
Squat It Editorial Collective.

31.Out-of-it cuz to gamblers anon
32.Barf
34.As above, but a creative kind
35."Who dares wins" (inits)
39.Swings in Penang, on hemp
40.Peasants do it, let's do it
42.Forget a coutner cheque (inits)
43.J.J., if I hear that song again...
45.Drugs+heat=a baked beans enclosure
47.Shoot loaded, dispose with care
48.Too many trips and you're like this
50.Fuck this is good ----, mon
51.Freud found it, artists expound it
Everyone has it... but me
53.A backward dog
56.Mr Sin-ney, King X
58.Lights out, no-one's home

ACROSS
4.Boil the kettle, it's smoko time
9.Yellow fingers
10.Used for snakebite, for some,
but you can belt me anytime
(NB spelling error accounts for
the odd spacing)
13.Squatters need lotsa ----
15.A card game was never like this
17.Hiroshima was not so magic (abbr)
`1.Hallucinations of the eye
3.A pound (slang)
6.A barker or a narker (slang)
30.Gin and -----
33.All good drugs go down this way
26.Sister to Sicilly
47.----- me if you can
38.Bangkok specials
41.Headspins... too much, headache
43.I can't make one, but I eat
ice-cream in one
44.Grim reaper
45.Filthy job
46.This group made angel dust
49.Hurts rapists and ozone layer
50.Go. Go. Go.
52.Passages that collapse thru
overuse of 43 down
53.Fear and Loathing style
54.Don't Bogart that joint
55.Reformed DT-ers (inits)
57.Blue fungus chemical
59.I wanna be a cactus button
60.Finales



There's a story going round that the NSW Liberal government is thinking of introducing a poll tax - similar to what the Thatcher government is bringing in in Britain. We can be quite sure that if they do, they will learn from what's happened in Britain and improve on the tactics used there. So if we're going to be as prepared as them, we're going to have to do the same thing.



POLL TAX for NSW?

The principal of the poll tax is redistribution of wealth - as always, from the poor to the rich! It will replace the system of local council rates (which is basically the same as in Australia) with a system where everyone in the council's area pays the same ammount.

At the moment someone who owns a ten bedroom mansion with a bit of land pays a lot of rates to the coucil (sounds fair?) while someone living in a one bedroom council flat overlooking a factory, pays low rates. Under the same system, if your homeless, you don't pay rates at all.

With the poll tax, the above three (if they live in the same council area) will all pay the same. This will average out at around $800-1000, a year.

The poll tax for your area is worked out by how much the council needs to spend on services. So in rich areas (where less council services are needed) people will pay less than in poor areas - a double gain for the rich!

Apart from making the rich richer, another main aim of the poll tax is to take away the last of the power from the socialist-controlled councils. Councils in poor areas (like East London, Liverpool, etc) tend to be Labour controlled. These councils (like the Greater London Council, which Thatcher abolished a few years ago) are usually fairly radical and put funding into projects which benefit minority groups.

Under the poll tax system, unless they want to charge everyone a lot more than the minimum possible poll tax (a hard thing to do in a poor area) the council will have no funds available for anything other than the absolute basics.

A third, and also important benefit for the government, will be the fact that a large chunk of the money collected in the poll tax will do nothing more than pay for the administration of the system. This means that everyone in Britain will be paying directly for the upkeep of files on themselves (possibly on a centralized computer system).

In Britain, the poll tax is being introduced in two phases. Phase one was Scotland, where it has already been bought in. Registration has now begun in England and Wales (phase two).

In Scotland, at least 100,000 people have successfully avoided being registered for the new tax. This, of course, doesn't include anyone who's on the dole, as they get registered automatically.

In England, registration began in May and everyone will be sent forms. Experience from Scotland has shown that anyone completely ignoring these forms has a good chance of avoiding registration.

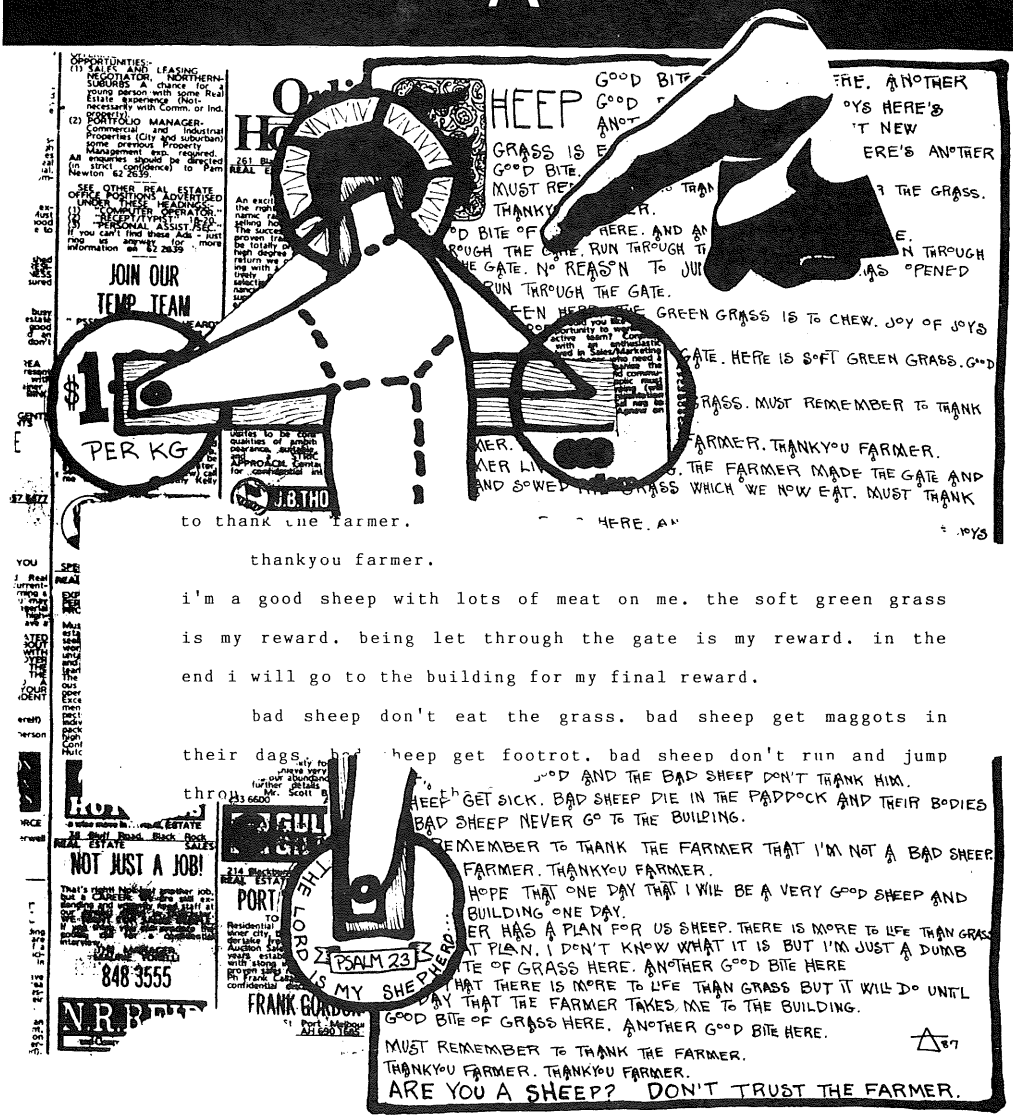
Meanwhile, the real fight against poll tax - non-payment - has begun in Scotland. Over one million people there have pledged not to pay.

The fight against poll tax seems to be uniting more people in Britain than any fight previously. The way people are organizing with each other is often reflecting anarchist principles of organization.

In Tottenham in North East London, for example, they are organizing on a street by street basis. About 10% of the 700 streets and council blocks had their own reps by march. The aim of this system of organizing is to try and reach people that the traditional methods the left use never get to. These people are essential to the fight if it is going to succeed and the goal is to get them organizing themselves.

It is pretty obvious that if the poll tax legislation succeeds in Britain, there will be some attempt to introduce the system here somewhere. Although there is very little we can do to join in the fight in Britain, we must keep our eye on what's happening there if we are going to keep one step ahead of our "leaders".

ARE YOU A SHEEP??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PSALM 23
THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD
GRASS IS
GOOD BITE.
MUST
THANKY
HERE. AND
THROUGH THE GATE. RUN THROUGH
GATE. NO REASON TO
RUN THROUGH THE GATE.
GREEN GRASS IS TO CHEW. JOY OF JOYS
GATE. HERE IS SOFT GREEN GRASS. GOOD
GRASS. MUST REMEMBER TO THANK
FARMER. THANKYOU FARMER.
THE FARMER MADE THE GATE AND
WHICH WE NOW EAT. MUST THANK
to thank the farmer.
thankyou farmer.
i'm a good sheep with lots of meat on me. the soft green grass is my reward. being let through the gate is my reward. in the end i will go to the building for my final reward.
bad sheep don't eat the grass. bad sheep get maggots in their dags. bad sheep get footrot. bad sheep don't run and jump
GOOD AND THE BAD SHEEP DON'T THANK HIM.
GET SICK. BAD SHEEP DIE IN THE PADDOCK AND THEIR BODIES
BAD SHEEP NEVER GO TO THE BUILDING.
REMEMBER TO THANK THE FARMER THAT I'M NOT A BAD SHEEP.
FARMER. THANKYOU FARMER.
HOPE THAT ONE DAY THAT I WILL BE A VERY GOOD SHEEP AND
BUILDING ONE DAY.
ER HAS A PLAN FOR US SHEEP. THERE IS MORE TO LIFE THAN GRASS
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THANKYOU FARMER. THANKYOU FARMER.
ARE YOU A SHEEP? DON'T TRUST THE FARMER.

DON'T TRUST THE FARMER

dismay day

May day,another day of dismay, that is the official may day the one the bosses with their huge hearts and compassionate nature gave to us poor workers The choice was to hear priests lies at church or union bosses lies at may day,it's much the same really. It started off at trades hall council,that decaying structure which is suppose to repress and symbolise workers rights and power.Union bosses rights maybe,workers,well they're just stepping stones to power. So everyone massed there behind there respective banners various communist/ socialist slimes ran around hawking their absurd arse wiping rags while the filth trounced around chatting to people and making sure everything went according to plan. There were a thousand or more people standing at the ready,all their anger being expressed in their boring banners. Fuck that I thought I'm not going to play sheep games and march down the street with a police escort singing silly songs looking vaguely upset about the fact that workers are getting ripped off,trodden on, intimidated and killed.It's alright though because we've got may day(on sundays)so we know we have a few rights.I rejoined the shambles back at the park near the met rail building (my old slave pit) to see a few speakers screaming about some issue or the other and lots of flags being waved about.

Some filth walked around looking bored(there was so many of us we could have bashed them and nailed them to the railway tracks) and a million stalls selling a million differant brands of rvolution.

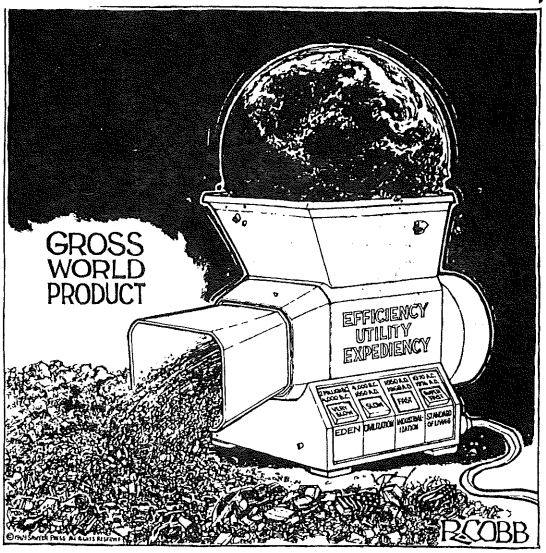
Spartacists were selling I.W.W. t-shirts,a great exercise in hypocracy, but I suppose they'll do anything to get money to promote their perverted form of fascist revolution. Anyway the whole thing was an exercise in futility, who gives a shit how many people are peacefully marching on a sunday afternoon it's not an example in workers power, its an exercise in stupidity. We could have smashed the town to pieces, instead we ate lentil burgers and listned to some union officials talking about how good they are.It's more distressing when I was talking to someone who was saying in the 70's they broke their banners up and used them as clubs to beat fuck out of the filth,that's workers power or people power. I'd like to know how we wound up stagnating in the 80's. All I can think of is a quote from skyhooks.

" what ever happned to the revolution ? - we all got stoned and drifted away, what ever happned to the revolution? I think it died just yesterday. "

The Environment is a Class Issue

Readers of *Reality Now* are familiar with the extent of environmental destruction our society has brought about. The fault of this devastation lies partially in our own consumerist attitudes, but it rests more squarely on the shoulders of those with power and money who direct and control the orgies of destruction now raping our earth. Behind this situation lies the basic fact of life of our society: under capitalism (in all its forms — including state socialism) we are under the thumbs of giant corporations and their front groups, governments, and it will take one hell of a struggle to get out.

That struggle is one which cannot be waged by environmentalists alone. The environmental movement, though admirable in ideals, lacks the basic social force needed to create the necessary changes: the activity of workers within industry and the people in the community. There are several reasons why the environmental struggle is isolated. First of all, the environmental movement aims its campaigns at its own: middle class people with money and time to care about more than their next paycheck and the rent. Poorer people don't have the same luxury. Secondly, the environmental movement, including some "green anarchists" often rejects urban struggles such as those of workers and urban communities on the grounds that their work, workplaces and neighbourhoods are ecologically unsound, and that the earth is more important to protect than people. Partly as a result of this, this movement tends to lack any solid concept of how to get from here to the envisioned ecologically-balanced and de-centralized society. Environmentalists have a lot of very important ideas but nowhere to go with them.



Environmentalists, especially the more liberal amongst us, also often lack a clear understanding of the global structure of capitalism. For instance, while the many campaigns to save selected areas of threatened wilderness are admirable, when the corporations take a loss in one area, they simply kill another less controversial one. All the wonderful regulations on chemicals used in North America may save this part of the globe from that kind of damage, but the result is that the banned chemicals are merely sent down to the "third world" where they are used extensively at the expense of both the people and the environment. But no matter where in the world, it is always the poor or powerless who suffer the effect of corporate destruction of the earth. To put it simply, the earth won't be saved by single-issue environmental politics, but by a complete revolutionary change which brings down capitalism.

Our enemies are definitely common; for instance, a corporation like McDon-

alds, responsible for major ecological damage, also pays its workers the lowest possible wages, breaks unions, and practically enslaves the young people who work for it. The same could be said for most multinationals. But the thing which will break the back of McDonalds is not a few broken windows (though it can't hurt to try!) but the organization of its workers. It cannot function without profits, profits which it makes from low wages. Higher wages would make it inoperable. The self-organization of workers within industry is necessary to bring about the needed social changes. It is a way to take away the power of those directing industry who would destroy our earth.

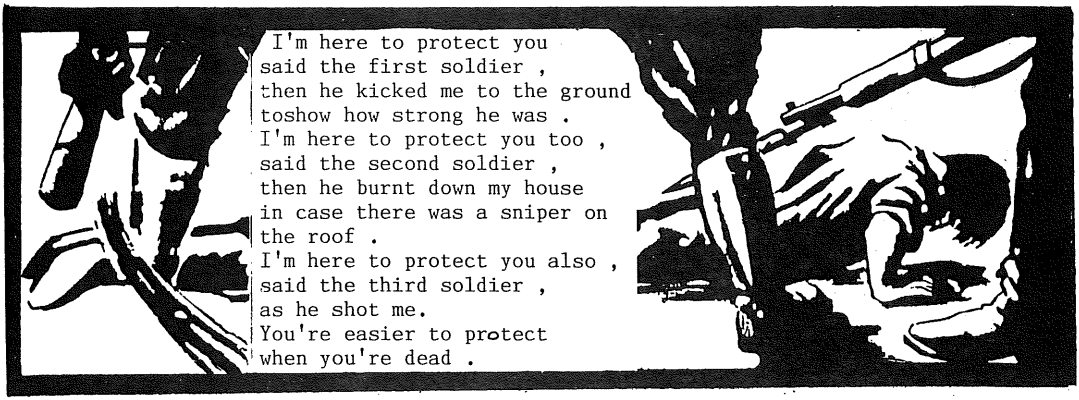
But what stands between workers and environmentalists in most peoples minds is the age-old controversy of jobs vs. conservation. Found especially in logging and mining fights, the corporation successfully creates this split by counting off lost jobs if the threatened area is conserved. Most of the jobs will, in a few years, be lost anyways, as forestry etc. have been made into non-renewable industries. However,

disregarding that, it's been seen that the timber stripped from BC forests tends to be shipped off elsewhere for finishing anyways — a job that could be done here but is cheaper for the corporation when done elsewhere. Hence jobs are still lost, mills still close, yet the fault clearly lies with the corporation's profit motive, not the effects of conservation.

Also, while more and more trees are chopped down, recycling efforts are minimal compared to their potential. They are ignored by the pulp and paper industry because they're *labour intensive*. It takes more workers to sort, ship and reprocess waste-paper than to shove a log through a chipper. Recycling makes more jobs, not more profits. Jobs which could be created yet are neglected by a corporation which cries out "jobs! jobs!" when its interests are threatened. The real fight, then, is one between capital and workers, not environmentalists and workers. Unfortunately, both groups fall prey to this red herring. Capital doesn't have their best interests at heart.

In the long term, when speaking of worker control of industry, not only would a fundamental de-industrialization inevitably occur due to decentralization, but the whole nature of industry would necessarily change due to local control of projects and the destruction of multinational corporations. A community which has control over the industries in its area, and which will feel the full environmental effects of its own decisions, will by neccessity abandon hazardous practices in favour of ecologically sound alternatives. It is naturally in their interests to do so. And without the profit motive to inspire them, socially useless and wasteful industries would cease to exist ... only those activities which are useful to the community would be worth our labour.

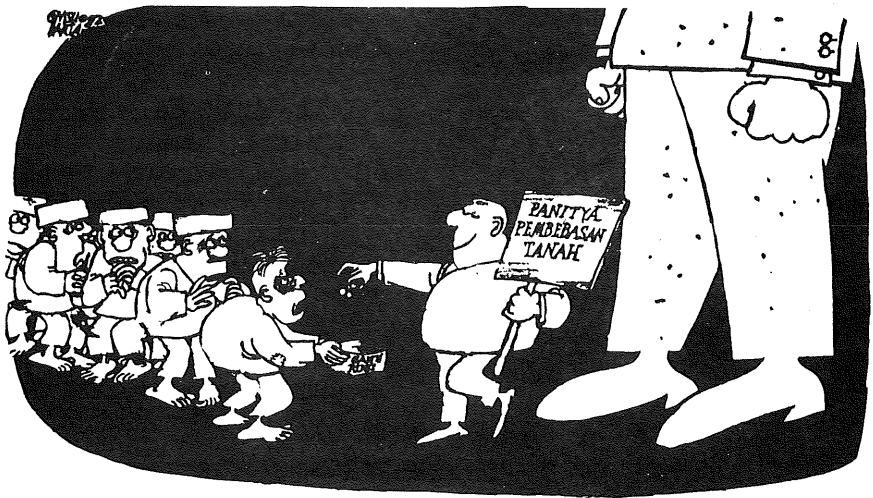
If an ecologically balanced world is our ends, then it demands our participation in the class struggle . Through our common organization on every level in the community, we can fight back effectively, but it demands our attention to everyday struggles and our solidarity with each other. Ecologists and workers share more than a commmon enemy, they share a common goal.


I'm here to protect you
said the first soldier ,
then he kicked me to the ground
toshow how strong he was .
I'm here to protect you too ,
said the second soldier ,
then he burnt down my house
in case there was a sniper on
the roof .
I'm here to protect you also ,
said the third soldier ,
as he shot me.
You're easier to protect
when you're dead .

INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT PLAYS NOAH.

The Indonesian Government has flooded the homes of villagers resisting eviction from Kedung Ombo Dam. As of the 14th of Jan., the floodgates of the dam were closed leaving 8000 peasants from 3 villages in Central Java facing the possibility of being homeless. The water level by now would be 90 meters forcing some owners to live on rafts and destroying many peoples homes, making them reliant on food donations from villages higher up. This act has destroyed the villagers traditional way of life.
The Kemusu have tried to negotiate with the Indonesian government but have only been offered ridiculous prices for their land or have been offered land in the desert.
The Kemusu people want to have similar land in the region but the government won't give it to them.
The Kendung Ombo Dam project is heavily funded by the World Bank which is supposed to have established guidelines on the social issues involved in resettlement. As usual they have taken no action, more worried about their profits than anything else. More action is needed to save these unique people and their land. Send letter bombs or boring letters to;

Mr Barber B Conable,
President, The World Bank.
1818 H Street
Washington DC 20433
United States of America .



Indonesian cartoon depicting paltry compensation given to villagers displaced by Borobudur tourist development. Word on bowl translates 'compensation'; the sign says 'Land acquisition committee'.

SOUTH AFRICA

URBAN DEVELOPMENTS

Anti-Squatting Legislation Used

Residents of the Bloekombos squatter camp near Kraaifontein in the Western Cape have become the first squatter community in the country to be affected by the newly passed anti-squatting legislation . Last week the Kraaifontein Municipality served about 120 residents with eviction notices and immediately sought a court order to make the evictions legal . The case was postponed to the 11th of April , giving the residents a five week respite.... The families have vowed to resist any removal , even if the court made their evictions legal .

New Nation 2/3/89 .

Bophelong To Be Removed

The Conservative Party controlled Vanderijlpark Town Council wants to remove the 22,000 inhabitants of Bophelong from what the C.P. calls the town's " white area " . A request to this effect has apparent ly already been rejected by Minister of Education and Training and Development Aid , Gerrit Viljoen - the M.P. for Vanderbijlpark - and Constitu - tional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis . The council has now decided to test its intention in the Supreme Court ...

According to the council's C.P. leader , Cas Pieters , a 1971 contract stipulates that Bophelong - the oldest black township in the Vanderbijlpark area - would be removed before 1981 and that the township itself would carry the cost . Since then the people of Bophelong have repeatedly applied for postponment of the removal date.

Until 1987 , postponments were granted . Applications were then made to remove the people in 1991 . The council rejected this . In 1987 Heunis stated that the people of bophelong would no longer be removed . " The Minister's decision was never promulgated and can therefore not be enforced ." said Peiters ..." Presently building sites are being sold on council property in accordance with the 99 year leasehold , while Vanderbijlpark does not receive a cent We need the land for township development for the whites "

Johann Killian , the National Party leader in the council said it would be more beneficial for Vanderbijlpark to sell the land to Leko, which administers to Bophe- - long. An amount of R 1.6 million has already been mentioned. Killen said while the situations in Boksburg and Carletonville mainly involved the introduction of seperate amenities . the Vanderbijlpark council intends to force people out of their homes .

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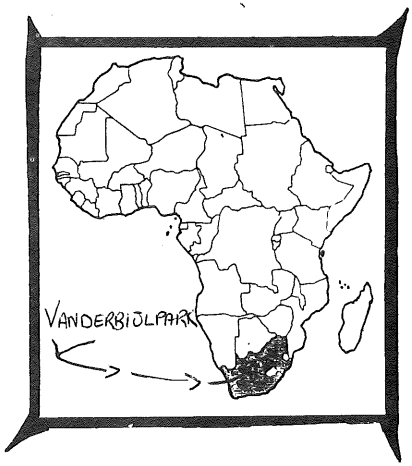


STOP PRESS

"The Socialist" Lies Again!

A centre-page spread article on "Anarchism" in May's issue of The Socialist gave me a good laugh! But there was more to it than that. It was packed with lies and misconceptions and did such a good job of twisting the truth that it ended by saying that anarchism and stalinism are basically the same thing!

The article starts off by attacking Proudhon (who?) for being a bourgeois sexist. It later goes on to talk about the superiority of the ideas of Marx, that much better-known bourgeois sexist. Both Proudhon and Marx have been very dead for well over a century - what the fuck would they know about life in the nineteen eighties?
socialists, anarchists don't believe that the world stood still at the end of the last century. We can see with our own eyes the world we live in. We don't need some long-dead intellectual to interpret it for us.

The article says that the anarchist opposition to the state is back to front and that "class society" is really what comes first. Our opposition to the state IS opposition to class society. We oppose the state because it perpetuates that structure of society. The two go hand in hand and we don't believe it's possible for one to exist without the other.

International Socialists (IS), it appears from the article, support both the concept of the state and that of class society. Their aim is, the article states, "to bring as many people as possible up to the level of the most advanced". (And they accuse us of elitism!). Anarchists will not settle for anything less than TOTAL equality

Anarchists are portrayed in this article as directionless, disorganized individualists, who will never get anywhere because they underestimate the power of the state. The anarchist movement is all about organizing together in a way that we can retain our identity as individuals without stopping other people from doing the same. But we know that unless we work together, we can't survive - let alone make any progress towards creating a world we can live in happily. And we KNOW from our daily lives all about the power of the state. We don't need to struggle through Marx's boring intellectual wank to find that one out!

They say that individual acts of rebellion do not challenge the state. Individual acts help strengthen the individuals involved and when those individuals all act together (like Stop the City,in London,for instance) the state starts bloody shitting itself! And as we all learn to think for ourselves, we won't be led astray and sold out by some self-appointed "enlightened" leader.

The difference between anarchists and trotskyists is that while trots like the IS are busy trying to get the working class to fight their revolution for them and put them in power, we are actually in the process of fighting the revolution ourselves!

If they stopped struggling with the boring words of their dead god Marx and looked around them, they might see what is going on in the real world. The working class will never fight to have them as their leaders. (You'll be first up against the wall, comrades!)

ANARCHISM

THE APPEAL OF ANARCHISM

SMASHING THE STATE

Is individual rebellion a real alternative

ABOLISH LEADERS?

In a succesful attempt to completely pervert our culture and cut our ties with the land and nature, the christians banned our festivals and replaced them with corrupt and false ones which they controlled. The two most obvious examples of this are "christmas" and "easter".

In the north (and probably other parts) of europe, we used to celebrate the winter solstice on 21st of December. This is the shortest day of the year and the day that the sun begins to return. This festival was banned by christian cultural-colonizers nearly 2000 years ago and they replaced it with christmas on the 24th. ("You can't celebrate the equinox on the 21st, but don't worry, you can still have a party. Celebrate the birth of christ instead. It's only a few days later...")

SPRING EQUINOX FESTIVAL

Easter was substituted for the spring equinox festival (in the northern hemisphere) in a similar way. The main difference was that this was a night-time festival and was celebrated on the night of the first full moon after the equinox. (easter sunday falls on the first sunday <u>after</u> the full moon - never on the <u>full</u> moon itself, of course - that's why the date varies.)

So, a few of us have been tossing around the idea of starting to reclaim our old festivals (and starting to rebuild our stolen culture). And this year's spring equinox seems like a good place to start.

There are plans afoot to have a spring equinox celebration this year. It will probably happen in northern NSW - hopefully Mullumbimby - and will be centred around the equinox full moon which falls on the night of Saturday 14th of october.

This festival/party will be organized mostly by people from Syd. Melb. and Mullum. and we want to take the opportunity to call a meeting of anarchistically inclined people scattered around eastern australia. We don't want this to be boring, too serious, academic or theoretical, but something where we can have a laugh, get to know each other better and share some ideas and experiences of surviving with those ideas in this fucked society.

Hopefully, we will come out at the end of it with a stronger identity. as a group of closely-linked, but geographically scattered people, we really need to meet and see each-other all together occasionally to build our strength and break down feelings of isolation.

Also, we may end up with an idea of where the general anarchist movement is going. A lot of people don't identify as anarchists because of the boring and out-dated connotations of the word. Anarchy is not something exclusively european and it isn't standing still - although some sections of the anarchist movement think it is!

What we need is a rejuvenation of the movement, and a new way of looking at ourselves in relation to other similarly minded people. And we want to have fun while we're doing it!

More details when plans are finalized...

...AND IN RESPONSE.....

This is an open letter to some critics inresponse of articles in Squat It no.17. It was inspired by a letter which has unfortunatly been lost, so it can't be published. It has some valid critisms though and i appreciate the letter and the points bought up.

Some of the points raised were: the use of the word whore (that it's sexist), discrimination against disabled people (by wishing she could be like them) and discrimination against mentally ill people (by calling them insane and wishing she could be like them.

These critisms all come from the Susan Renouff article which was an exersise in extremism and litereary masterbation.

I don't see the use of the word whore as being sexist because we're all whores to the system, we are all involved in activities, whether working or on the dole, which are morally repungent. We are all basically selling some aspect of our morality to get a few bucks. I have never had a complaint about the word whore by a prostitute and have used the word many times. I have had complaints from other people though and will try not to use the word 'whore' again.

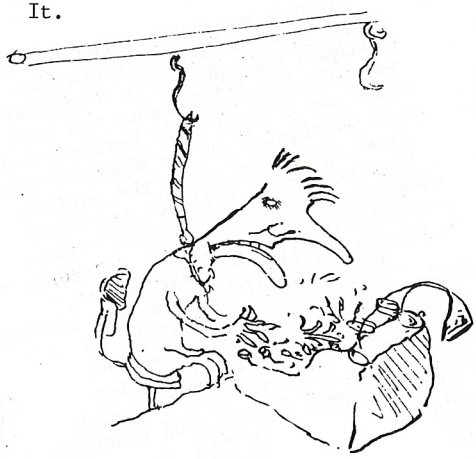
The discrimination against disabled people accusation i think is also unfounded. By wishing Suzy babyto be "crippled and living on the 30th floor of the commission flats and the lifts won't work", is not saying i think those people are fucked, all i'm saying is that people like that do exist in similar situations, living under increadible hardship and that snotty nosed scum like Renouff need to experience that so they become aware of how other people live. Only by taking an extreme perception of reality can we hope to achieve any understanding and equality between people.

I also find the accusation of being discrimatory agaist intellecually disabled people to be unfounded. Sure, the use of the word 'insane' is unfortunate and maybe not nice or proper but the word insane is alot more powerful than intellectueally disabled, ehich lacks bite. The word 'insane' conveys the pain of that condition alot better thn most other words. If we are to make sure that every word has no negative conatations we will end up with a 3CR type situation, where the use of words in a creative way is pretty much banned, resulting in boredom and rigidity, which is close to death.

We have to be careful not to kill the spirit of creativity, otherwise we'll create our own mental prisons, where words are scrutinised like cells through a microscope. I also have no qualms about wishing Renouff to be insane, disabled or dead. Arrogent scum like like her are part of the problem which put crippled people in commission flats, creates homelessness, starvation and every thing else wrong with this world.

If scum like her didn't exist we'd all be alot better off and i'd happily burn her eyes out with a blow torch and suck her intestines out slowly.

I thank Lyndall for her letter and other critics. It's only through continued critisism of everything that we can create a workable alternative to the sewage pit we are swimming in now. Any other correspondece is most welcome on any other issues in Squat It.



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DROUGHT OUT WEST

The MOH has found a new way to fuck up squats in the West. They're cutting off the water by;

* Turning off the water mains,
* Unscrewing the pipe for the mains and putting a plug in the joint,
* Then doing the pipe back up again,
* and covering it up.

People think that there is no water, but all they have to do is follow this simple process to get it back on:

* Turn off water at main,
* unscrew pipe,
* take out their nasty little plug,
* do the pipe up again and
* turn the water on again at the main.

And there you go!!!

BEGA - help needed

The campaign here has been building ground support for a number of years. In the last few months, consistent actions have brought media attention to the fuck-ups occurring in our forest.

The last five weeks have seen direct action evolving. Three platforms are in trees in an area demanded by conservationists. We hope to extend the platform concept and need more people committed to direct action to do this.

The tree action involves carting food and equipment into the forest, avoiding the police, surveying prohibited areas and inventing new ways to immobilize heavy machinery.

Any climbing gear (ropes, jumas, carrabinas, harnesses) or money to buy it would come in handy.

Go to Bega to a place called the Network Centre and ask for directions to the base camp, where you should ask for any tree people.

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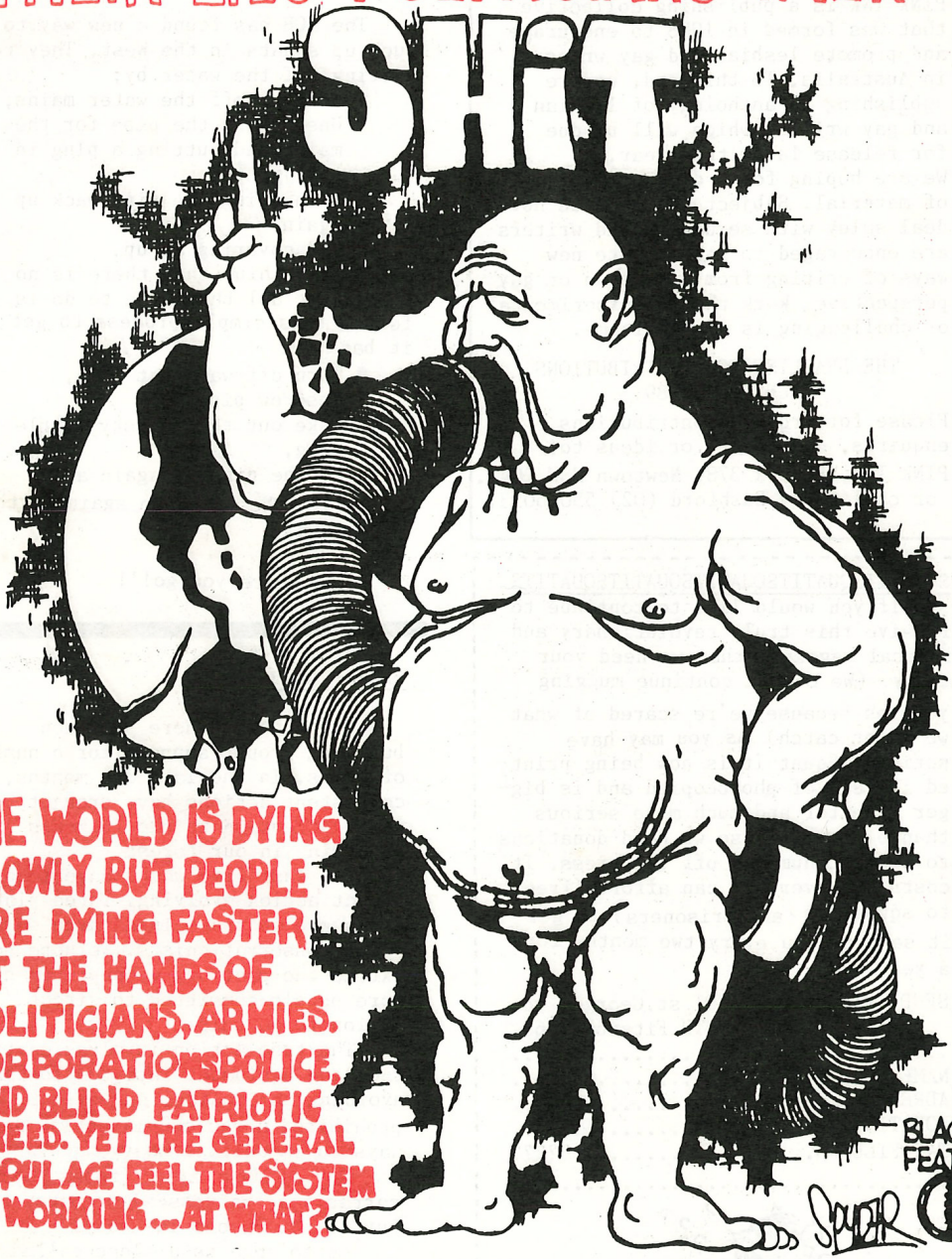
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